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OVERSEAS POSTS

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1. PER REFTEL THE EXISTING SECURITY PROTECTION FOR THE PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS OF THE EMBASSY, INCLUDING THE CONSULAR SECTION, WAS REVIEWED. IN ORDER TO CORRECT CERTAIN WEAKNESSES OBSERVED, POST RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING MEASURES BE TAKEN:
A) ALL THE GLASS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING, WHICH IS IN FACT THE PUBLIC ACCESS AREA OF THE BUILDING, EITHER BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH BULLETPROOF GLASS OR AUGMENTED BY BULLETPROOF GLASS INSTALLED BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF THE EXISTING GLASS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL GLASS WALLS AND DOORS OPENING INTO THE LOBBY AREA AS WELL AS ALL WINDOWS OPENING INTO THE CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS. TECHNICAL INSPECTION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE WHICH ALTERNATIVE MOST DESIRABLE FOR AREAS CONCERNED.
B) THE MARINE DESK BE PROTECTED BY A BULLETPROOF SHIELD.
C) THE RECEPTIONIST DESK BE PROTECTED BY A BULLETPROOF SHIELD.
D) THE ACCESS DOORS TO THE CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS SHOULD BE REDESIGNED, REINFORCED AND EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRONIC LOCKING CONTROLS. THE DIRECT ACCESS PASSAGEWAYS TO BOTH THE COM-MERCIAL AND CONSULATE SECTIONS ARE NOW SEALED OFF BY GLASS DOORS
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WHICH ARE PART OF A GLASS WALL. ALL GLASS SHOULD EITHER BE RE-

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PLACED BY BULLETPROOF GLASS OR AUGMENTED BY BULLETPROOF GLASS INSTALLED BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF THE EXISTING GLASS.
E) THE NORTH AND SOUTH ENTRANCE DOORS TO THE CHANCERY LOBBY SHOULD BE REDESIGNED, REINFORCED AND EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRONIC LOCKING CONTROLS.
F) A METAL DETECTION DEVICE (WALK-THROUGH) SUCH AS THE SCANNERS USED BY AIRLINES IN THE UNITED STATES BE INSTALLED AT THE CHANCERY MAIN ENTRANCE.
G) CONTROLS FOR EMERGENCY DEVICES AND ELECTRONIC LOCKING CONTROLS INSTALLED BOTH AT THE RECEPTIONIST DESK AND AT THE MARINE DESK.
H) A BARRICADE BAR SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON THE BASEMENT DOUBLE DOORS LEADING FROM THE GARAGE AREA TO THE INTERIOR OF THE CHANCERY.
I) AN ADDITIONAL SLIDING STEEL BARRICADE SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN THE BASEMENT AREA BEHIND THE EXISTING SINGLE STEEL GARAGE DOOR SO AS TO PROVIDE FURTHER PROTECTION IN SEALING OFF ACCESS TO THE GARAGE AND BASEMENT AREA.

2. POST ROUGHLY ESTIMATES THAT THE COST OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE $90,000. MORE PRECISE FIGURES WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE EXACT MEASUREMENTS ARE FURNISHED TO APPROPRIATE SUPPLIERS. POST WILL FORWARD THESE MEASUREMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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